No Public Funds Used for THF Grants

The Texas Historical Foundation (THF) is one of the few organizations that supports historic preservation in Texas without using tax money. Two grants from THF’s privately funded endowments were made recently to assist with the following projects:

Board Secretary Carol Lipscomb, Ph.D., presented a check to the North Texas Society of History and Culture in Nocona. Funds will be applied to an extension of the museum’s West Wing that will showcase the venue’s main focus areas: Western heritage, American Indian culture, leather goods, oil and gas, and agriculture.

Chairman of the THF board David Martinez and Vice President Michael Marchant made another grant presentation to the Commerce Public Library to assist with the restoration of the aging parapet and surround trim on that public building. This is the second Foundation grant given in support of this project.

Alamo Cannons Restored—With Help from THF

In 2017, The Alamo partnered with Texas A&M University’s Conservation Research Lab (CRL) to restore and conserve seven cannons from the historic battle. An August 22 event marked the completion of this project, during which Texas A&M Corps of Cadets returned command of the final cannon to a team of Alamo living history reenactors.

The Texas Historical Foundation was one of the donors to this important restoration campaign and was represented in College Station by President Bruce Elsom.

Lone Star Jewish History Highlighted in Texas HERITAGE Magazine

The third quarter 2018 volume of THF’s award-winning quarterly hit mailboxes last week. The issue features stories on the architecture of Jewish synagogues and the history of the state’s Jewish settlement. Read more about the following subjects in the publication:

• The Galveston Immigration Movement was a plan by Jacob Schiff that brought European Jews to the Texas port city between 1907 and 1914; many of the newcomers made the state their permanent home.
• The list of well-known Texas businesses founded by members of the Jewish faith is long, and includes Zales Jewelry and Neiman-Marcus.

Grant Deadlines Announced

To date, more than 290 historic preservation projects have received funding from the Texas Historical Foundation. Proposals are reviewed quarterly; upcoming deadlines for THF grant consideration are:

SEPTEMBER 1
ANNOUNCED MID-OCTOBER
DECEMBER 1
ANNOUNCED MID-JANUARY
MARCH 1
ANNOUNCED MID-APRIL
JUNE 1
ANNOUNCED MID-JULY

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